

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending in the application. Claims 4, 7, 10, and 13 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-15 are now pending and submitted for reconsideration.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-6, 8-11, 14, and 15.

Regarding the Amendment filed June 2, 2004, the Examiner's attention is directed to 37 C.F.R. 1.121, which permits the use of double brackets.

The objections to claim 10 and the specification have been obviated by the foregoing amendments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and second paragraph. Claim 4 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Support for claim 4 may be found, amongst other places, in paragraph [0041] of the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 7 and 13 have been amended where appropriate. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the provisional rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

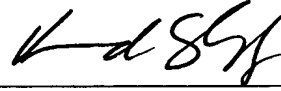
Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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